

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 14114.0331U2
APPLICATION NO. 10/018,627

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, and 13-18 are pending. Claim 2 is allowed. Claims 3-12 are canceled. Claims 19 and 20 are canceled herein.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's comments made during the March 9, 2004 telephone interview regarding claims 1, 19 and 20. Applicants have amended the claims under the assumption that the previous amendments have been entered. The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 was missing "NO:" at the end of the reference to SEQ ID NO: 1. Applicants have corrected this error by amending claim 1 to properly recite "SEQ ID NO: 1." Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's suggestion regarding claims containing reference to both SEQ ID NO: 5 and SEQ ID NO: 7 as SEQ ID NO: 5 is contained within SEQ ID NO: 7. Herein, applicants have canceled claims 19 and 20 which make reference to both sequences. Since claim 13 is a Markush claim, the inclusion of reference to both SEQ ID NO: 5 and SEQ ID NO: 7 is believed to be proper.

Pursuant to the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is believed to be warranted. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

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No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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